

**California Regional Water Quality Control Board
San Diego Region**

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 98-70

**for
CITY OF LA MESA
SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (hereinafter Regional Board), finds that:

1. The City of La Mesa is subject to Order No. 96-04, *General Waste Discharge Requirements Prohibiting Sanitary Sewer Overflows by Sewage Collection Systems*.
2. Prohibition A.1 of Order No. 96-04 states that the discharge of sewage from a sanitary sewer system at any point upstream of a sewage treatment plant is prohibited.
3. The City of La Mesa has discharged wastes in the vicinity of 69th Street and University Avenue and 68th Street and University Avenue in violation of Order No. 96-04 on February 9, 1998 (100,000 gallons), on February 14, 1998 (20,000 gallons), on February 16, 1998 (20,000 gallons) and on February 17, 1998 (1,500 gallons).
4. By letters dated April 6 and April 29, 1998, the City of La Mesa indicates that it has been replacing several thousand feet of deteriorated sewer mains to reduce inflow/infiltration, and plans to conduct further repair and replacement projects in the future.
5. This enforcement action is being taken for the protection of the environment and, as such is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) in accordance with Section 15108, Chapter 3, Title 14, California Administrative Code.


IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to Section 13304 of Division 7 of the California Water Code:

1. The City of La Mesa shall initiate the necessary remedial and preventative actions to cease the threat of sewage spills from the section of pipeline noted in this Order and shall abate the effects of past violations of Order No. 96-04 forthwith.
2. The City of La Mesa shall submit a technical report by July 31, 1998 that summarize the responses to the City's Request for Proposal to conduct an infiltration study for the University and Alvarado drainage basins.
3. On or before September 30, 1998 the City shall submit a preliminary plan and a time schedule for assessing and repairing and replacement of sewer lines in the University and Alvarado drainage basins

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4. After September 30, 1998, the City shall submit quarterly progress reports which provide the status for assessing, repairing and replacement of sewer lines in the University and Alvarado drainage basins.

Pursuant to California Water Code Section 13350, any person who intentionally or negligently violates a cleanup and abatement order may be subject to civil liability in an amount which shall not exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000), but shall not be less than (\$500), for each day in which the cleanup and abatement order is violated.


for _____
JOHN H. ROBERTUS
Executive Officer

Date issued: June 1, 1998

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